

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on December 4, 2018 at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Bill Spearman, Police Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Denise Mire, Parks Director
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber and American Legion
Joe Cormier, Babe Ruth Hall of Fame

Mayor Piazza asked for a moment of silence for former President George H. W. Bush who passed away. Mayor Piazza led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting held on November 6, 2018 and November 20, 2018, the Committee meeting held on November 20, 2018 and the Personnel Interview held on November 20, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to deviate from the agenda to add Police Department personnel to the end of the meeting since Chief Spearman was not yet at the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if there were any public comments on any agenda item at this time. There were no comments.

Mayor Piazza presented a proclamation to Mr. Joe Cormier who will be inducted into the International Babe Ruth Hall of Fame. The proclamation proclaimed December 7, 2018 as Joe Cormier Day in the City of Abbeville. Mayor Piazza also presented Mr. Cormier with a key to the City.

***Touchet/White
Ordinance 18-11***

An ordinance amending Section 13-48 – A. A. Comeaux Park and other parks, generally – opening and closing times.

The ordinance was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 5(Plaisance, T. Broussard, B. Broussard, Touchet, White)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Therefore, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet to ratify the purchase of a used 2011 GMC pickup truck for \$9,200.00 for the Park Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve pay estimate number 5 payable to Elliott Construction in the amount of \$30,872.49 for the Construct Asphalt Taxilane Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve pay application number 7 for the Hebert Fire Substation #2 Construction project in the amount of \$91,420.20 payable to Minvielle Lumber and to accept the project as substantially complete. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the purchase of a new pump for the VC Lift Station from Griner Drilling at a cost of \$11,495.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve a Class B liquor license for Discount Tobacco located at 303 W. Summers Drive. The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 4(T. Broussard, B. Broussard, Touchet, White)
NAYS: 1(Plaisance)
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Therefore, the motion carried.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to accept the resignation of Russell Frederick from the Municipal Employees Civil Service Board. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to table the appointment to the Municipal Employees Civil Service Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Russell Frederick until the next City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Spearman stated he has a new policy in place for part-time officers. Most of the officers have completed their psychological testing. All of them are post-certified and only want to work part-time. He would like to begin utilizing them on the 1st of January. It will save the department quite a bit of money on overtime. We would utilize them for about 24 hours per week. They will not take the place of a full-time officer. Councilman Touchet asked if the Council has to approve the policy. Mayor Piazza asked Ike to review the policy and bring it back to the next City Council meeting.

Richard Primeaux, Engineer

- *Discussed the Event Center completion, the Fire Marshal inspection and the certificate of occupancy.*

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *At the last committee meeting we discussed tires. He spoke with DEQ concerning the tires. If we take the tires to a facility such as solid waste, we do not have to document the tires we pick up. However, solid waste will only allow us to bring 5 tires per day. If we take in more than 5 tires a day then we will have to document those over 5 and wait for Colt to pick those up. Mr. Gene Sellers stated solid waste has been limited to 1,500 tires by DEQ.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *The Christmas Stroll is Thursday night.*

Police Chief Bill Spearman

- *They partnered with a local business who donated fifty \$20.00 gift cards to give to drivers that we see doing the right thing.*
- *Introduced the shift that responded to the car in the canal. They jumped into the cold water to rescue two people and prevent them from drowning. Councilman Plaisance asked Chief Spearman to submit the names of those officers who responded to the Mayor for proper recognition.*

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- *Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Invited everyone to the Christmas Stroll this Thursday night.*
- *Congratulated Vermilion Catholic for reaching the State Semi-Finals this year.*
- *The Christmas parade is Saturday.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *The Christmas parade begins at 6:00 PM Saturday. We will have cookies and hot chocolate in the Square. Santa Claus will be there too. Please come out and join us.*

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Piazza declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor